

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTED IMAGE STORAGE AND PROCESSING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A user processes high resolution digital images at a user computer by converting
5 the high resolution images into low and thumbnail resolution formats and by converting
the high resolution images into a JPEG format. The user also enters image related data
into the user computer and creates a user database. The processed image data and
the image related data are stored in the same database, i.e., a user database, and are
transmitted to the host site. At the host site, the processed image data and the image
10 related data are stored in the same database, i.e., a host database. Alternatively, users
store a plurality of images in high resolution, low resolution and thumbnail formats at
the user computer and upload to the host site those images—in thumbnail and low
resolution format—that the user selects. Customers view the selected images at the
host site and order desired images. The host site sends an image order to the user
15 computer, and the user computer transmits the ordered images to an image laboratory
in high resolution format for printing.